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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 796
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Friendship Christian School's Girls Basketball Team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the accomplishments of those outstanding athletic teams that work hard, display brilliant skill and demonstrate exceptional dedication and diligence in their sport; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian School's Girls Basketball Team has displayed these extraordinary qualities as they recently completed another remarkable season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Commanders prided themselves on teamwork, with each player placing the needs of the team above individual honors; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Christian compiled a phenomenal record of 31 wins and only three losses, earning its first appearance in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the team garnered many accomplishments throughout the season; including winning their second straight regular season District 8A Championship with a 14-0 record and earning their third consecutive District 8A Tournament Championship; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to those remarkable achievements, the Lady Commanders were the Region 4A Runner-up; they also made their third consecutive Sub-State appearance enroute to their Sub-State Championship victory; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Christian School's Girls Basketball Team is highly regarded as one of the best teams in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Commanders were ranked first in the Associated Press Poll for five weeks, finishing the regular season atop the poll; they also finished the season ranked tenth in the Varsity Sports Extra Power Poll, which is a poll of teams from all classifications; and

WHEREAS, this team set numerous school records during the course of the season, including most wins in a season with 31 victories; and

WHEREAS, they have averaged an astonishing 26 victories per season over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, not only do the young ladies on this team possess tremendous athletic skill, but they are proficient scholars as well; the Lady Commanders' dedication to scholastic achievement is evident in the team's 96 overall grade point average; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Amber Ash, Mallory Cook, Candace Cross, Courtney Cross, Rachael Daugherty, Bethany Dye, Brittnea Dye, Cody Harris, Lauren Hay, Hannah Johnson, Lauren Macpherson, Heather Sheppard, Christa Vaughan, Trish White and Caitlin Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Commanders were guided by the expert coaching of highly respected Head Coach Greg Brown and Assistant Coaches Nancy Reed, Deanna Teeter, and B.J. Bell; and

WHEREAS, the team was capably assisted by Managers Alex Araujo and Courtney Ryan, and enjoyed the generous support of the Friendship Christian School's administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence displayed by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of both coach and player alike, and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Friendship Christian School's Girls Basketball Team on an outstanding season and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.